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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record Japanese Publication No. 07-249417, published September 26, 1995, including an English abstract, which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

This statement is *not* to be interpreted as a representation that the cited publications are material, that Applicants have conducted an exhaustive search, or that no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any publication herein be construed *per se* as a representation that such publications are prior art. Moreover, the Applicants understand the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited publications.

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A copy of the foregoing Japanese publication, including English abstract, and a reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompany this statement.

No costs are believed due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if there are any associated costs, please charge them to our Deposit Order Account No. 12-0080.

Respectfully submitted,

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